

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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REVIEW OF THE MANUSCRIPT ON TOWARDS FREEDOM

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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Council for Historical Research has decided to appoint a committee to review the manuscript on 'Towards Freedom';

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that some historians have protested against this; and

(c) if so, the details in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (PROF. RITA VERMA)

(a) to (c) ICHR has informed that an Expert Committee of Historians has been constituted to consider the matter for expediting the publication of remaining volumes of 'Towards Freedom' Project. Two editors, Prof. K.N. Panikkar and Prof. Sumit Sarkar have registered their protest with the ICHR stating that they were neither informed nor consulted when the ICHR withdrew the manuscripts and that review of their manuscripts by any such committee is not acceptable to them.